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Docket No.: DANZ-3

In re Application of:	)
MIRKO DANZ et al.	)
Appl. No.: 10/717,170	) Group Art Unit: 2121
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For: PROJECT DESIGN METHOD	)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to B). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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A)	USA	US 5 850 343	Nakamura	12-15-1998
B)	"Taschenbuch der Informatik", U. Schneider et al.			2001

A copy of reference B) is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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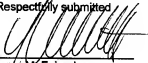
In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Publication B) involves a Handbook for Informatics, and reference is made to page 152, Heading 6.1 "Data Networks" stating that *"Data networks are communication systems for transmission and exchange of data signals between the connected participants. The intersection between each participant and the data network is generally standardized (→ 6.1.1)."*. Heading 6.1.2 relates to definition of net structures and describes topological structures of a data or computer network to show mutual association of participants at the data traffic, switching equipment and lines. Heading 6.2 relates to definition of computer networks or Local Area Networks. Heading 6.2.3 relates to definition of application service providers in computer networks to provide access. Heading 6.2.3.5 relates to definition of management services to ensure safe operation of the computer network. Heading 6.2.4.4 relates to definition of IP addressing of computers. Heading 6.2.5 relates to definition of LAN.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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